

livestock to wildlife and burros; and (4) consistency with the Interim Management Policy (IMP) for lands under wilderness review. In order to implement the partial relinquishment of grazing privileges it will be necessary to construct two separate segments of fence in the Horseshoe Canyon (South) Wilderness Study Area (WSA). Public participation is being sought at this time to ensure that the proposed amendment and associated environmental analysis considers all reasonable issues, alternatives, problems, and concerns relative to the proposed action.

DATES: The comment period for this proposed amendment will commence with the publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before May 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary L. Hall, Assistant Field Manager, Henry Mountains Field Station, Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701 telephone number 435-542-3461 or 435-896-1564.

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Acting State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Off-Highway Vehicle Designations for the Cascades Resource Area, Salem District, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Salem District.

ACTION: This notice supplements the, "Availability of the Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, Salem, Oregon" notice published in the July 20, 1995, edition of the **Federal Register** (60 FR 37464) and establishes the final Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) designations on all public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the Cascades Resource Area, Salem District, Oregon. This notice supersedes all other previous notices related to OHV designations or closures pertaining to BLM-administered lands in the Cascades Resource Area. Authority for this action is contained in 43 CFR 8342.1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM-administered lands in the Cascades Resource Area lie within Clackamas, Multnomah, Marion, and Linn Counties in northwest Oregon. The Salem District Resource Management Plan (Salem District RMP, May 1995) allocated acres in each of the three major OHV

designations (Closed, Limited, or Open) and indicated that designations would be mapped in subsequent planning efforts. Areas and acres of land with unique and sensitive resource values were designated in the RMP as "Closed" to use of OHV's. Acreage where OHV's could be used with certain restrictions was listed as "Limited." The remaining area was listed as "Open." The OHV designations completed by BLM-administered lands in the Cascades Resource Area are based on an interdisciplinary team review. Other general information of OHV designation definitions may be found in 43 CFR 8340.0-5.

SUMMARY: Additional information and maps showing the OHV designations can be obtained from the Salem District Office. The OHV designations for the Cascades Resource Area have been completed and are as follows:

Closed

Approximately 11,010 acres are "Closed," to OHV use. These areas include: Carolyn's Crown ACEC/RNA, 261 acres; Larch Mountain Environmental Education Site, 183 acres; Middle Santiam ACEC/ONA, 108 acres; North Santiam ACEC, 31 acres; Sandy River Gorge ACEC/RNA, 400 acres; Soosap Meadows ACEC, 343 acres; Molalla Non-Motorized Shared-Use Trail System, 2,634 acres; White Rock Fen ACEC, 51 Acres; Wilhoit Springs ACEC, 170 acres; Willamette River ACEC, 76 acres; Williams Lake ACEC, 98 Acres; and Table Rock Wilderness, 6,350 acres. There are also 36 progeny test sites totaling 305 acres that are closed to OHV use.

Limited

Approximately 87,300 acres of BLM-administered lands in the Cascades Resource Area are designated as "Limited to Existing Roads and Designated Trails." The remaining 70,700 acres are designated as "Limited to Designated Roads." This includes Riparian Reserves that were listed as "Limited" in the Salem District RMP to help address concerns about erosion and water quality. OHV organizations and users will have the opportunity to propose the designation of existing trails and the development of new trails on BLM-administered lands designated as "Limited to Existing Roads and Designated Trails."

Open

No acres were designated as "Open" for BLM-administered lands in the Cascades Resource Area. When Riparian Reserves were mapped, they significantly fragmented BLM-

administered lands with a potential "Open" designation. Further fragmentation occurs with the ownership pattern of alternating sections of private and BLM-administered lands. An overall "Limited" designation more accurately reflects the current situation, rather than designating very small areas as "Open" in between Riparian Reserves designated as "Limited."

Penalties

Pursuant to the penalties contained in 43 CFR 8340.0-7, any person who violates or fails to comply with the designations set forth in this notice are subject to arrest, conviction, and punishment pursuant to appropriate laws and regulations. Such punishment may be a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not longer than 12 months, or both.

Exemptions

The following persons, operating in their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of the OHV designations: BLM employees; state, local, and federal law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency personnel; holders of BLM road use permits that included roads within a closed area; and purchasers of BLM timber within the closure area including their employees and subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance by the Authorized Officer.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This order is in effect June 1, 1999, and is permanent until canceled, amended or replaced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Prather, Cascades Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Salem District, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon 97306, (503) 375-5683.

Dated: April 19, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Assessment Prepared for Proposed Western Gulf Sale 174 on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the environmental assessment on proposed Western Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 174.